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ACTION ARA-17

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R 182056 Z APR 73

FM AMEMBASSY LA PAZ

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9635

INFO USCINCSO

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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: PFOR EMIN BL

SUBJ: TIN

REF: LA PAZ 2253

1. IN APRIL 17 EXTRAORDINARY CABINET SESSION CALLED TO TREAT VARIOUS ECONOMIC ISSUES GOB CONSIDERED PENDING U. S. SALES OF STOCKPILE COMMODITIES AND " ADOPTED ATTITUDE OF TOTAL OPPOSITION TO SUCH SALES". IN COMMENTING ON DECISION MINMINES LEMA STATED BOLIVIA WOULD BE SO " SERIOUSLY AFFECTED" THAT IN ORDER TO PROTECT PRICE LEVEL GOB AND OTHER PRODUCING COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE TO BUY STOCKPILE COMMODITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL TIN COUNCIL BUFFER STOCK. HE OBSERVED THAT GOB WOULD HAVE TO BORROW FUNDS FROM IMF TO PAY FOR PURCHASES, THEREBY FURTHER INCREASING BOLIVIA' S EXTERNAL DEBT.

2. ALL LA PAZ PRESS CARRIED HEADLINE STORIES ON GOB POSITION. IN ADDITION, APRIL 18 PRESENCIA EDITORIALIZED THAT " THE CITIZENS OF THE WORLD, WHO ARE EVEN A LITTLE CONCERNED THAT HUMANITY LIVES IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF GREATER UNDERSTANDING IN WHICH EXISTS A MINIMUM OF MORALITY AND EQUALITY, CAN JUDGE  
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WHETHER ( THE SALE OF TIN REPRESENTS) THE ALLIANCE FOR  
PROGRESS, GOOD NEIGHBOR, INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE, FRIENDSHIP  
AND COOPERATION, OR EVEN ELEMENTARY JUSTICE."

3. COMMENT: AS NOTED REFTEL FOREIGN MINISTRY SUBSECRETARY  
CESPEDES TOLD ADCM THAT " FEELING IN APRIL 17 CABINET  
MEETING WAS THAT PROBLEM COULD BE WORKED OUT IN FRIENDLY  
DIALOGUE"; HOWEVER, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT GOB PUBLIC POSTURE  
WILL CONTINUE TO BE AT VARIANCE WITH POSITION TAKEN IN  
PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBASSY, AND THAT U. S. WILL  
CONTINUE TO RECEIVE SIMILAR PUBLIC CRITICISM ON THIS  
ISSUE.

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